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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

This list has been prepared in response to requests from parents for help in the selection of books for their children.

The italic letters before the titles show the ages for which the books are suited: *a* means under 8 years; *b*, 8 to 14; *c*, over 14.

The classification of books according to the age of the child is an arbitrary method at best, since children differ so greatly in their ability to grasp literature. Many books will, therefore, be found in one list which some parents will feel could be read only by older children. But in many homes, fortunately, the custom of reading aloud to children has been observed from earliest childhood. Where this is so, and the child develops a love of books, it is surprising to note the readiness with which he will grasp the best literature.

A child had always better have a book which is above his comprehension than one which is too young for him, and gives his reason, imagination, or sympathy no exercise.

Though some "popular" literature finds its place on this list, the committee hopes that parents will select for their children's reading, as far as possible, such books as are of some permanent value, and are as interesting to the adults as to the child.

Teachers and parents who have access to public libraries should call upon librarians for further help when it is needed. Many excellent lists are prepared by the different libraries and are obtainable at little or no cost.

So many books in series are issued at the present time that great care should be exercised in selecting for purchase. As a rule, it is

not safe to buy whole sets of books, as different volumes vary greatly in merit.

Inexpensive reprints of standard books are published in many forms. One of the most useful of the cheap editions is Everyman's library, Dutton, cloth, 35 cents; leather, 70 cents. This includes a large number of books desirable for young people to read and is recommended to those who are forming a library of their own.

The Riverside literature series, Houghton Mifflin co., is made up of poems, stories, and essays from the world's best literature, ancient and modern, over 200 volumes in all. Paper, 15 cents each; linen, 25 cents.

The Heart of oak series contains tales of adventures, heroic stories, poems, classics from many languages chosen particularly with the aim of forming a taste for good literature. It was edited by Charles Eliot Norton, and published in seven volumes, graded according to age, by D. C. Heath & co. Per volume: Vol. 1, 25 cents; vol. 2, 35 cents; vol. 3, 40 cents; vol. 4, 45 cents; vol. 5, 50 cents; vol. 6, 55 cents; vol. 7, 60 cents.

Other series are noted in different parts of this list.

As guides to the best reading for young and old the following books are recommended: The choice of books, Frederick Harrison, 75 cents; The book lover, James Baldwin, 90 cents; Books and culture, Hamilton W. Mabie, 90 cents. Also aids in the selection of children's books: The children's reading, Frances J. Olcott, Houghton Mifflin co., \$1.25; A mother's list of books for children, Gertrude W. Arnold, McClurg, \$1.

I. PICTURE BOOKS AND STORIES FOR THE YOUNGEST READERS.

For very young children there is no better way than to tell over and over again the best fairy stories and myths, Old Testament stories, and simple hero tales.

Books adapted to the comprehension of young children are few and have usually no style to recommend them. Many of the books in other divisions of this list may be read to quite young children, but a few stories are placed here which a child can read almost as soon as he can read at all.

Adventures of a brownie. DINAH MULOCK CRAIK. Harper. 60 cents.
Æsop's fables.

There is a one-syllable edition, edited by Mary Godolphin. McKay. 50 cents.

Scudder's Book of fables is more pleasing in form, however, and the stories are chiefly from Æsop.

Another fairy reader. JAMES BALDWIN. Am. bk. co. 192 p. 35 cents.

In school book form. Contains folk lore of different countries, in large print for second grade children.

(The) Arabella and Araminta stories. GERTRUDE SMITH. Small. \$1 net.

Baby days. Century. 192 p. \$1.10.

A new selection of songs, stories, and pictures for very little folks, with introduction by the editor of "St. Nicholas."

- Banbury cross stories.** F. W. HOWARD, *ed.* Merrill. 132 p. 25 cents.
A small book of old nursery tales, in large type, with pictures.
- (The) Blowing away of Mr. Bushy-Tail.** EDITH DAVIDSON. Warne. 50 cents.
Telling of the adventures of Mr. Bushy-Tail who goes out in search of food for his family, is caught in a blizzard and blown to the South Pole.
- (The) Book of baby beasts.** F. E. DUGDALE. Pictures in color by E. J. Detmold. Hodder. \$3.50.
This and the Book of baby birds are beautiful gift books.
- Book of cheerful cats.** J. G. FRANCIS. Century. \$1.
"Funny" black and white pictures.
- Book of fables.** HORACE E. SCUDDER. H. & M. illus. 50 cents.
Fables from Æsop, mainly.
- Book of folk stories.** HORACE E. SCUDDER. H. & M. Paper, 15 cents net; cloth, 45 cents.
Contains the well-known nursery tales.
- Book of horses.** Dutton. Linen, 75 cents.
Picture book for the youngest children.
- Book of nature myths.** FLORENCE HOLBROOK. H. & M. 215 p. 65 cents.
Subject matter from the folk lore of different nations, arranged for easy reading.
- Book of nursery rhymes.** Arranged by CHARLES WELSH. Heath. 169 p. 30 cents.
For an inexpensive edition of Mother Goose this is very satisfactory. The choice is good and type and pictures are attractive.
- (The) Book of the sea.** Dutton. Paper, 50 cents; linen, 75 cents.
Fine pictures that babies love.
- Boy Blue and his friends.** ETTA AUSTIN BLAISDELL and MARY F. BLAISDELL. Little. 165 p. illus. 60 cents.
Stories in which the familiar characters of Mother Goose appear in new rôles.
- Brownies: their book.** PALMER COX. Century. 144 p. \$1.50.
Long a favorite picture book, with its funny little men and their mischievous doings. There are eight volumes of Brownie books.
- (A) Bunch of keys.** MARGARET JOHNSON. Dutton. 74 p. 75 cents.
Puzzle stories and pictures arranged like those in "What did the black cat do?" and "Where was the little white dog?" by the same author.
- (The) Bunnikins bunnies in camp.** EDITH B. DAVIDSON. H. & M. 95 p. illus. 50 cents.
- Caldecott picture books.** The Hey-diddle-diddle picture book. The Panjandrum picture book. Picture book. Picture book, no. 2. Warne. \$1.25 each.
These four volumes contain sixteen amusing nursery rhymes and other verses, which are sold separately in paper covers, 25 cents each.
- Cat stories.** HELEN H. JACKSON. Little. 156 p. illus. \$2.
CONTENTS.—Letters from a cat; Mammy Tittleback and her family; The hunter cats of Connorloo.
- Chansons de France.** J. B. WECKERLIN. Illus. by Boutet de Monvel. Plon. \$2.25.
- Chicken world.** E. B. SMITH. Putnam. \$2.
Large colored pictures of different scenes in the hen yard.
- Child life readers.** E. A. BLAISDELL and M. F. BLAISDELL. Macmillan.
Book 1. Child life: a first reader. 25 cents. Book 2. Child life in tale and fable: a second reader 35 cents.
- Child-lore dramatic reader.** CATHERINE T. BRYCE. Scribner. 115 p. 30 cents.
Stories, fables, and rhymes, arranged in dialogue form for dramatization in the schoolroom.
- (A) Child's book of stories.** PENRYHN W. COUSSENS. Illus. by Jessie W. Smith. Duffield. \$2.25.
- Child's Christ tales.** A. H. PROUDFOOT. Flanagan. \$1.
Legendary tales from other sources than the Bible. To be read to children.
- Child's garden of verses.** ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON. Illus. by Mars and Squire Rand. 50 cents.
— — — — — Illus. by Jessie W. Smith. Scribner. \$2.50.
- Children's book.** HORACE E. SCUDDER. H. & M. 444 p. illus. \$2.50.
A good collection for a family to own, containing the best old stories, fables, and poems. Can not be read by the youngest children, but contains much they like to hear read.

(The) **Children's hour.** EVA MARCH TAPPAN, *ed.* 10 vols. Illus. Houghton Mifflin. \$20.

Contains folk stories and fables, myths, etc.

Cock, the mouse, and the little red hen. FÉLICITÉ LEFÈVRE. Jacobs. \$1.

An old story with new colored pictures.

Etwas von den Wurzelkindern. SIBYLLE VON OLFERS. Schreiber. \$1.

Fairy stories and fables. JAMES BALDWIN. Am. bk. co. 35 cents.

Fairy tales. GRIMM BROTHERS. S. E. Wiltse, *ed.* 2 vols. Ginn. 35 cents each.

The choice is well made and the type is good.

(The) **Farm book.** E. BOYD SMITH. Full-page colored pictures. H. & M. illus. \$1.25

Father and baby plays. ANNE EMILIE POULSSON. Century. 100 p. \$1.25.

Fifty famous stories retold. JAMES BALDWIN. Am. bk. co. 35 cents.

A favorite collection with little children.

Filles et garçons. ANATOLE FRANCE. Illus. by Boutet de Monvel. Hachette. \$1.25.

Finger plays for nursery and kindergarten. EMILIE A. POULSSON. Lothrop. \$1.25.

Folk-lore readers. E. O. GROVER ATKINSON. 111 p. 30 cents.

Based on Mother Goose stories, nursery rhymes, and Æsop's fables.

Folk-lore stories and proverbs. SARA E. WILTSE. Ginn. 30 cents.

Nursery tales in large type with small black-and-white pictures.

Four-and-twenty toilers. E. V. LUCAS. Colored illus. by F. D. Bedford. McDevitt-Wilson. \$1.75.

Unusually attractive picture book of trades and occupations.

Girls and Boys. ANATOLE FRANCE. Illus. by Boutet de Monvel. Duffield. 25 p. \$2.25.

Little children will enjoy the pictures, but the stories must be read to them.

Golden goose book. LESLIE BROOKE. Warne. colored illus. \$2.

Contains: Golden goose; Three bears; Three little pigs; and Tom Thumb.

Each is sold separately in paper cover at 50 cents.

Goody two shoes. CHARLES WELSH, *ed.* Heath. 20 cents.

Goops and how to be them. GELETT BURGESS. Stokes. \$1.50.

Absurd pictures with rhymes to teach manners and morals to children.

Hans and Sister Hilda. A Christmas secret. JOHN H. JEWETT. Dutton. 50 cents.

Pictures in color with a little story in verse.

Hänschen im Blaubeerenwald. ELSA BESKOW. Carl, Stuttgart. \$1.

(The) **Happy book.** GITHA SOWERBY. Illus. by Millicent Sowerby. Hodder. 40 cents.

(The) **Happy heart family.** VIRGINIA GERSON. Duffield. illus. \$1.25.

A favorite picture book.

Hiawatha primer. FLORENCE HOLBROOK. H. & M. 40 cents.

Hopi, the cliff-dweller. MARTHA JEWETT. Educ. pub. co. 72 p. 30 cents.

Designed for children of the second primary grade.

In field and pasture. MAUDE B. DUTTON. Am. bk. co. 190 p. 35 cents.

Tells about the agricultural life of primitive people, by means of stories of individual children.

Indian child life. EDWIN W. DEMING. Stokes. \$2.

Large, full-page pictures, in color, with descriptive text.

Indian primer. FLORENCE C. FOX. Am. bk. co. illus. 120 p. 25 cents.

Five types of Indians, whose history is of special interest to children, have been selected as the basis of short stories in large print.

Johnny Crow's garden. LESLIE BROOKE. Warne. \$1.

A nonsense rhyme, illustrated with amusing pictures. Another book of the same kind is *Johnny Crow's party*. Warne. \$1.

Kling-Klang Gloria. H. LEFLER and J. URBAN. Brentano. \$1.

Beautifully illustrated book of German folk- and child-songs, with music.

Krag and Johnny Bear. ERNEST T. SETON. Scribner. illus. 60 cents.

Little Betty Blue. (Untearable.) Dutton. 8 p. 50 cents.

Little Black Sambo. HELEN BANNERMAN. Stokes. 56 p. 50 cents.

A little bit of a nonsense book, with colored pictures, which will delight the littlest children.

Little Girl Blue. JOSEPHINE S. GATES. H. & M. 50 p. illus. 60 cents.

- Little songs of long ago.** ALFRED MOFFAT. Illus. by Willebeek Le Mair. Schirmer \$2.50.
The old tunes to familiar nursery rhymes, with beautiful full-page illustrations.
- Little stories of little animals for little children.** SUSAN HOLTON. Phillips. 84 p. illus. 50 cents.
Ten cheerful and pleasing stories for very little people.
- Marigold garden.** KATE GREENAWAY. Warne. illus. 56 p. \$1.50 net.
Pictures and rhymes.
- Marjorie books.** LUCY WHELOCK. Wilde. About 50 p. each. \$1.10 for set.
Six small volumes full of pictures and short stories: "Polly's minutes," "Christmas Eve," "Bessie's conquest," "A rainy day," "Jack and Ted," and "Sara's gift."
- More five-minute stories.** LAURA E. RICHARDS. Estes. 150 p. \$1.
Rhymes and stories for little children.
- Mother Goose melodies.** W. A. WHEELER, ed. H. & M. 186 p. illus. \$1.50.
Other good editions are noted in this list.
- My pussy cat book.** Dutton. Paper, 50 cents; linen, 75 cents.
Fine pictures that babies love.
- My very first book of letters.** Hodder. 23 cents.
The alphabet, with illustrations in color and accompanying verses.
- New baby world.** Century. 300 p. \$1.50.
Stories and poems from St. Nicholas.
- Nibbles Poppelly Poppett.** EDITH B. DAVIDSON. Little. 63 p. illus. 75 cents.
- Nonsense books.** EDWARD LEAR. Little. \$2.
The nonsense classic of well-tested popularity.
- Nos enfants.** ANATOLE FRANCE. Illus. by Boutet de Monvel. Hachette. \$1.25.
- (The) Nursery rhyme book.** ANDREW LANG. Complete classified collection of "Mother Goose" verses. Warne. 278 p. \$2.
A very good book for the home nursery.
- Old Mother West Wind.** THORNTON W. BURGESS. Little. 169 p. \$1.
A collection of stories, telling the adventures of the Merry Little Breezes released daily from Old Mother West Wind's bag. They are of a quality to be recommended for bedtime reading.
- Our moo cow book.** Dutton. Paper, 50 cents; linen, 75 cents.
- Our old nursery rhymes.** ALFRED MOFFAT. Illus. by Willebeek Le Mair. Schirmer. \$2.50.
With the original tunes and beautiful pictures.
- Outlook story-book for little people.** LAURA WINNINGTON, ed. Outlook. 207 p. \$1.20.
A collection of little stories and poems well illustrated.
- Overall boys.** EULALIE O. GROVER. Rand. 45 cents.
With small colored pictures and big print.
- Peter and Polly in summer.** ROSE LUCIA. Am. bk. co. 35 cents.
- Peter Rabbit series.** BEATRIX POTTER. Warne. 50 cents.
Children take great pleasure in these tiny books. The series includes Benjamin Bunny; The tailor of Gloucester; Two bad mice; Squirrel Nutkin; Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle; Tom Kitten, and others.
- Pied Piper.** ROBERT BROWNING. Illus. by Hope Dunlap. Rand. \$1.25.
Another edition is illustrated by Kate Greenaway. Warne. \$1.50.
- Polly and Dolly.** MARY F. BLAISDELL. Little. 173 p. illus. 50 cents.
Seventeen little stories about the good times of some children and their dog.
- Polly Cologne.** MRS. ABBY MORTON DIAZ. Lothrop. 192 p. illus. \$1.
A story of a precious rag doll; how she was lost and how she was found.
- Prince Silver Wings and other fairy tales.** EDITH OGDEN HARRISON. McClurg 123 p. \$1.75.
Seven pleasantly written fairy tales with colored illustrations.
- Roggie and Reggie stories.** GERTRUDE SMITH. Harper. 95 p. \$1.50.
- (The) Rolypoly pudding.** BEATRIX POTTER. Warne. 70 p. illus. \$1.
More about our old friend Tom Kitten and his adventures with the rat.
- Runaway donkey.** EMILIE POULSSON. Lothrop. \$1.25.
Rhymes about animals, printed in large type, with many pictures in black and white.

- (The) Sandman: his farm stories. WILLIAM J. HOPKINS. 217 p. \$1.10.
Stories for the youngest children. Good for bedtime reading.
- Short stories for short people. ALICIA ASPINWALL. Dutton. 254 p. \$1.50.
Twenty-eight short whimsical stories of a purely imaginative kind.
- Six nursery classics. MICHAEL V. O'SHEA. Heath. 20 cents.
- (The) Snow baby. JOSEPHINE D. PEARY. Stokes. 84 p. illus. from photographs \$1.20.
- Snowman and other stories. ANDREW LANG. Longmans. 36 cents.
Based on tales in the fairy books.
- (The) Stories of Peter and Ellen. GERTRUDE SMITH. Harper. 138 p. \$1.30.
Natural and wholesome stories of two small children who have many pets and frolics.
- Stories of pioneer life. FLORENCE BASS. Heath. 136 p. 40 cents.
For children just becoming interested in the early history of our country.
- Story book friends. CLARA MURRAY. Little. 185 p. 50 cents.
Illustrated in color and in black and white.
- (The) Story hour. KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN and NORA A. SMITH. H. & M. 185 p. \$1.
Bedtime stories for children under ten.
- Struwel Peter. HEINRICH HOFFMANN. Dutton. 50 cents.
- Sunbonnet babies. EULALIE O. GROVER. Illus. by Bertha L. Corbett. Rand. 123 p. Large print. 48 cents.
Excellent for children just beginning to read for themselves.
- Tales of two bunnies. KATHARINE PYLE. Illus. by the author. Dutton. \$1.
Numerous amusing pencil drawings and short animal stories.
- Through the farmyard gate. EMILIE POULSSON. Lothrop. 80 p. \$1.25.
Pictures of farmyard pets, illustrating verses and stories.
- Tom Kitten. BEATRIX POTTER. Warne. 50 cents.
- Tree dwellers. KATHARINE E. DOPP. Rand. illus. 45 cents.
First in a series intended to teach the main steps in the progress of the race. Large type and short sentences.
- 'Twas the night before Christmas. C. C. MOORE. Illus. by Jessie Wilcox Smith. H. & M. \$1.
The old Christmas poem, with colored pictures.
- Under the window. KATE GREENAWAY. Warne. \$1.50.
Picture book with short verses.
- Walter Crane's picture books. The baby's own Aesop. Warne. \$1.50. Beauty and the beast's picture book, Bluebeard's picture book, Buckle my shoe picture book, Cinderella's picture book, Goody Two Shoes' picture book, Red Riding Hood's picture book, Song of sixpence picture book and This little pig's picture book. Lane. \$1.25 each.
There are several stories in each book which are sold separately in paper covers. 25 cents each.
- Was Marilnchen erlebte. SIBYLLE VON OLFERS. Schreiber. \$1.
- What did the black cat do? MARGARET JOHNSON. Estes. 81 p. 75 cents.
Written partly in rebus fashion, with five or six little pictures on a page.
- Where was the little white dog? MARGARET JOHNSON. Estes. 79 p. 75 cents.
A companion volume to "What did the black cat do?"
- (The) White kitten book. CECIL ALDIN. Doran. illus. 75 cents.
The story of a kitten told by herself, with amusing pictures.
- Wilderness babies. JULIA A. SCHWARZ. Little. \$1.50.
Simple stories of wild animal life. To be read to children.
- Windchen. SIBYLLE VON OLFERS. Schreiber. \$1.

Foreign picture books can be obtained through G. E. Stechert & Co., N. Y.

2. BIBLE.

- abc Life of Jesus of Nazareth. Eighty pictures by William Hole, R. S. A., R. E. Eyre & Spottiswoode, London. \$3.
Selections from the text of the King James version are accompanied by beautiful pictures in color.

- abc* Lippincott's Old and New Testaments. In one vol., \$3; in two vols., \$1.50 each.
- abc* On holy ground. REV. WILLIAM L. WORCESTER. Lippincott. 492 p. illus. \$3.
- A good arrangement of the Bible for children of any age. The stories are given straight from the Bible, not paraphrased. Each story, however, is set in a simple description of the time and conditions.
- ab* "Tell me a true story." MARY STEWART. Revell. 253 p. illus. \$1.25.
- Tales of Bible heroes for the children of to-day. Forty-eight Bible stories simply and well told.

3. EDUCATION AND LIFE.

- c* "Boy wanted." NIXON WATERMAN. Forbes. \$1.25.
- Cheerful counsel on opportunity and success.
- c* (A) Bundle of letters to busy girls on practical matters. GRACE H. DODGE. Wagnall. 139 p. 50 cents.
- Sensible and helpful talks to girls.
- c* Ethics of the dust. JOHN RUSKIN. Dutton. (Everyman's library.) 35 cents.
- bc* From youth into manhood. WINFIELD S. HALL. Y. M. C. A. press. 50 cents.
- On sex education. Designed for boys, 11-15 years. Recommended by the American vigilance association.
- c* Girl and woman. CAROLINE W. LATIMER. Appleton. \$1.50.
- An excellent book on sex education with helpful suggestions to mothers, but should be carefully used with young girls. Recommended by the American vigilance association.
- c* (The) Girl wanted. NIXON WATERMAN. Forbes. \$1.25.
- Talks on character and conduct.
- c* Letters to the farm boy. HENRY WALLACE. Macmillan. 180 p. \$1.
- Intended to aid in starting the farm boy on the right track. The book has also been read with interest by city boys.
- c* What can a young man do? FRANK W. ROLLINS. Little. \$1.50.
- Short descriptions of professions and trades, with much good advice and information, by a business man.

4. NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE, AND ANIMAL STORIES.

- bc* A-hunting of the deer. CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER. H. & M. 85 p. Paper. 15 cents.
- Sketches of outdoor life, written with humor and charm.
- b* Adventures of two ants. NANNY HAMMARSTRÖM. Stokes. 79 p. illus. \$1.
- A story in the form of an autobiography telling the life history of Rufa from egg to full-grown ant.
- bc* American natural history. WILLIAM J. HORNADAY. Scribner. 449 p. illus. \$3.50.
- "A foundation of useful knowledge of the higher animals of North America."
- bc* Animal story book. ANDREW LANG. Longmans. 400 p. illus. \$1.50.
- "True stories more or less," and most of them very interesting.
- bc* Astronomy from a dipper. ELIOT C. CLARKE. H. & M. illus. 60 cents.
- A simple book for the beginner who wishes to learn the constellations. Gives charts and maps.
- ab* Aunt Martha's corner cupboard. MARY and ELIZABETH KIRBY. Nelson. 144 p. illus. 60 cents.
- Stories about tea, coffee, sugar, rice, etc.
- abc* (The) Bee people. MARGARET W. MORLEY. McClurg. 177 p. illus. \$1.25.
- A fascinating description of these wonderful creatures told in the form of a story.
- b* (The) Biography of a grizzly. ERNEST THOMPSON SETON. Century. illus. \$1.50.
- abc* Bird guide. Land birds east of the Rockies. CHESTER A. REED. 200 colored plates. 75 cents.
- A pocket companion for a child who is beginning to learn the birds.
- bc* Bird-life. FRANK M. CHAPMAN. Appleton. 187 p. 75 colored plates. \$2.
- Contains a field key to the common birds. A useful guide for the older children and adults.
- abc* Bird neighbors. NELTJE BLANCHAN. Doubleday. 234 p. colored illus. \$2 net.
- An introductory acquaintance with 150 birds commonly found in the gardens meadows and woods about our homes. School edition sold for 50 cents.
- bc* Bird stories from Burroughs. JOHN BURROUGHS. H. & M. 171 p. illus. 80 cents.
- An invitation to further study.

- a* **Bird world.** J. H. STICKNEY and RALPH HOFFMANN. With 10 full-page illustrations by Ernest Thompson Seton, and colored plates. Ginn. 214 p. 75 cents net.

A book for young children.

- bc* **Birds and bees, sharp eyes and other papers.** JOHN BURROUGHS. H. & M. 96 p. 40 cents.

For over forty years the breezy pages of this author have been winning enthusiastic observers to outdoor life.

- b* **Book of the ocean.** ERNEST INGERSOLL. Century. 274 p. illus. \$1.50.

A good book for the boy or girl who likes to read of ocean voyages, the vessels in which they are made, and the wonders of the sea.

- c* **(The) Boy electrician.** ALFRED P. MORGAN. Lothrop. 394 p. illus., diagrams. \$2 net.

Practical plans for electrical apparatus for work and play, with an explanation of the principles of every-day electricity.

- bc* **(The) Boy with the U. S. Foresters.** FRANCIS ROLT-WHEELER. Lothrop. 317 p. illus. \$1.50.

An interesting and timely book with very little plot but a great deal of adventure. Precisely what forestry is and what timber conservation means is told in an attractive and interesting way.

- bc* **(The) Boy with the U. S. Survey.** FRANCIS ROLT-WHEELER. Lothrop. 381 p. illus. \$1.50.

Recounts some of the important work being done by the U. S. Geological Survey in the guise of a story of a sturdy boy's experience. Though written for boys, it will be equally interesting to many adult readers.

- c* **Boy's book of model aeroplanes.** FRANCIS A. COLLINS. Century. 308 p. \$1.50.

Tells how to build and fly them and shows plans and pictures.

- bc* **Children's book of stars.** GERALDINE E. MITTON. Black. 206 p. colored illus. \$2.

Written in simple language "to awaken the interest of intelligent children." Very attractive.

- bc* **Earth and sky every child should know.** JULIA E. ROGERS. Doubleday. 244 p. \$1.20.

Studies in geology and astronomy.

- bc* **Field book of American wild flowers.** F. SCHUYLER MATHEWS. Putnam. 551 p. colored illus. \$1.75.

An excellent handy guide.

- abc* **(The) First book of birds.** OLIVE THORNE MILLER. H. & M. 144 p. colored pictures. \$1.

Descriptions of some of the most common birds and their habits, including many anecdotes.

- b* **First studies of plant life.** GEORGE F. ATKINSON. Holt. illus. 60 cents, net.

- abc* **Flower guide.** CHESTER A. REED. Reed. \$1.

Three hundred and twenty flowers in color. Carefully indexed by color. Identification of flowers made very easy.

- b* **Fly-aways and other seed travelers.** FRANCIS M. FULTZ. Pub. school. 186 p. illus. 60 cents.

Tells how the different kinds of seeds are adapted to their modes of travel. Superior in style and illustration to Morley's "Little wanderers" and contains twice as much material. For children of ten or over.

- zb* **Four-footed Americans.** MABEL OSGOOD WRIGHT. Pictures by Ernest Thompson Seton. Macmillan. 430 p. \$1.50.

In story form.

- bc* **(The) Friendly stars.** MARTHA E. MARTIN. Harper. 265 p. \$1.25 net.

- ab* **Friends and helpers.** SARAH J. EDDY. Ginn. 231 p. illus. 60 cents.

Short stories about horses, dogs, and other domestic animals.

- b* **Gray lady and the birds.** Stories of the bird year. MABEL OSGOOD WRIGHT. Macmillan. 437 p. illus. \$1.35.

- c* **Greyfriars Bobby.** ELEANOR S. ATKINSON. Harper. 292 p. \$1.20.

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This list does not aim to do more than suggest a little of the good poetry which should be read by children of this age or read to them. Boys will be found especially fond of heroic poetry. "The revenge," by Tennyson, is almost faultless as a hero poem; Scott and Macauley are always loved. Children have very little comprehension yet of love or any of the more complex emotions. It is therefore only the earlier and simpler of the Arthurian legends which are adapted to their reading. It is well not to let feats of arms be the sole subject of heroic poetry. "The legend beautiful" and "The vision of Sir Launfal" are hero poems as well as "The charge of the light brigade."

In choosing poetry for memorizing the following pamphlet is helpful: *A selected list of poems suitable to be learned by children*. Selected by a committee of the Washington branch of the Association of collegiate alumnæ. Press of W. F. Roberts, Washington, D. C. 25 cents.

Many of the general collections also will be found to contain poems within the comprehension of even young children. It is better to give them some great poetry which will be enjoyed for the rhythm and sound than to confine them to poems written for children.

The value of poetry in a child's life has been thus expressed:

"Rhythmic motion, or the flow of measured and beautiful sounds, harmonizes their differences, tunes them up to their tasks, disciplines their conduct, comforts their hurts, quiets their nerves; all this apart from the facts more or less important from the point of view of literature, that it cultivates their ear, improves their taste, and provides them a genuinely artistic pleasure." (McCLINTOCK: *Literature in the elementary school*.)

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Book of joyous children. JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY. Scribner. \$1.20

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